

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8, 12 and 20 are amended herein. Claims 1-27 remain pending.

The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider his earlier rejections in light of the following remarks. No new issues are raised nor is further search required as a result of the changes made herein. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-27 over Will

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Will, U.S. Patent No. 5,970,388 ("Will"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-27 recite, *inter alia*, displaying user identification information of a wearer of an electronic wireless badge device on an electronic display.

Will appears to disclose a method and apparatus for routing an incoming telephone call to an individual in a building (Abstract). The individual carries a wireless communication unit that receives messages and transmits both responses and periodic signals to allow tracking the individual's location (Will, Abstract). When a call arrives, a message indicating the call is transmitted to the communications unit, together with responses that may be selected to determine how the call is to be routed are displayed (Will, Abstract). The display on the wireless communication unit indicates who is calling and responses for a user, including the ability to send to voicemail, transfer to an extension indicated, or transfer to a new extension (Will, col. 4, lines 49-64). A photo ID is attached to the communication unit separate from the electronic display (Will, Fig. 3A).

Will teaches displaying who is calling and responses for a user on an electronic display. Will teaches a picture photo ID is attached to the communications unit. Will fails to teach displaying user identification information of a wearer of an electronic wireless badge device on an electronic display, as claimed by claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-27.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-27 are patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 10 over Will in view of Bork

Claims 4 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Will in view of Bork et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,246,376 (“Bork”). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 4 and 10 are dependent on claims 1 and 8 and are patentable over Mills for the same reasons as claims 1 and 8.

Claims 4 and 10 recite, *inter alia*, displaying user identification information of a wearer of an electronic wireless badge device on an electronic display.

As discussed above, Will fails to teach displaying user identification information of a wearer of an electronic wireless badge device on an electronic display, as claimed by claims 4 and 10.

The Office Action relies on Bork to allegedly make up for the deficiencies in Will to arrive at the claimed invention. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

Bork appears to disclose a system and method for wireless communication between two devices that allows the transfer of location information through a cellular or BLUETOOTH link (Abstract). The system can be used to provide a continuous indication of estimated distance and direction relative to the two devices (Bork, Abstract). Location and/or direction indications are displayed on a display device or audibly announced (Bork, col. 6, lines 39-44).

Bork teaches displaying location and/or direction indications on an electronic display. Bork’s displaying location and/or direction indications on an electronic display is **NOT** displaying user identification information of a wearer of an electronic wireless badge device on an electronic display, as claimed by claims 4 and 10.

Neither Will nor Bork, either alone or in combination, disclose, teach or suggest displaying user identification information of a wearer of an electronic wireless badge device on an electronic display, as claimed by claims 4 and 10.

The Examiner states that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate Bork's BLUETOOTH capability to Will's telephone call routing system and that this combination discloses or suggests all the limitations of claims 4 and 10. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

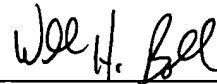
Assuming that Will and Bork are properly combinable (they are not), the combination at most would result in Will's telephone routing system with a BLUETOOTH capability. The combination would still fail to teach or suggest an displaying user identification information of a wearer of an electronic wireless badge device on an electronic display.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 4 and 10 are patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

1. (Twice Amended) An electronic wireless badge device, comprising:

a wireless front end;

an information exchange module containing a plurality of user codes; and

an electronic display adapted to electronically display user identification information of a wearer of said electronic wireless badge device received by said wireless front end.

8. (Twice Amended) A network security station, comprising:

a database of authorized user codes;

a database of user identification information corresponding to said authorized user codes; and

a wireless front end adapted to transmit said user identification information of a wearer of an electronic wireless badge device retrieved from said database of user identification information for display on an electronic display on said electronic wireless badge device.

12. (Twice Amended) A method of providing electronic user identification information for display on a user's electronic wireless badge, comprising:

establishing a wireless network between a network security station and a plurality of electronic wireless badges;

transmitting user identification display information to each of said plurality of electronic wireless badges; and

electronically displaying said user identification display information of respective wearers of said electronic wireless badges on each of said plurality of electronic wireless badges.

20. (Twice Amended) Apparatus for providing electronic user identification information for display on a user's electronic wireless badge, comprising:

means for establishing a wireless network between a network security station and a plurality of electronic wireless badges;

means for transmitting user identification display information to each of said plurality of electronic wireless badges; and

means for electronically displaying said user identification display information of respective wearers of said electronic wireless badges on each of said plurality of electronic wireless badges.